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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The third session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 11 to 29 January 1993. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 11 January 1993, at 10:30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the third session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 11, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its third session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, will meet for a period of one week at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 14 to 18 December 1992.

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## Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the officers, when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Information by the Secretariat on action taken pursuant to decisions adopted by the Committee.

Under this item, the Committee will be provided with information on action taken pursuant to the recommendations adopted by the Committee at its second session concerning its sources of information and public information activities relating to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the work of the Committee.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 44 of the Convention

The Committee will have before it under this item the following documents:

- Notes by the Secretary-General on initial reports of States parties due in 1992 (CRC/C/3), 1993 (CRC/C/8/Rev.1) and 1994 (CRC/C/11).
- A note by the Secretary-General on the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/12).

4. Report of the Fourth Meeting of Persons Chairing the Human Rights Treaty Bodies

Under this item, the Committee will have before it the report of the Fourth Meeting of Persons Chairing the Human Rights Treaty Bodies which was held at Geneva from 12 to 16 October 1992 (A/47/628) and will receive an oral briefing on the meeting from its Chairperson.

5. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider any further contributions it may wish to make to the preparatory process, including any contribution to the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee to be held in Geneva from 22 March to 2 April 1993.

6. Consideration of the question of indicators

Under this item, the Committee will continue to examine the issue of indicators that could contribute to a better assessment of the implementation

of the Convention, and of making a possible contribution to the expert seminar on appropriate indicators to measure achievements in the progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights, which is scheduled to take place in Geneva from 25 to 29 January 1993.

7. Follow-up to the general discussion on "Children in armed conflicts"

In accordance with rule 75 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Committee devoted one day at its second session, on 5 October 1992, to a general discussion on the topic of "Children in armed conflicts." The Committee may wish to consider various measures it could take as a follow-up to that general discussion in the light of proposals to be submitted by a working group composed of some of its members.

8. Matters relating to the methods of work of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports to be submitted by States parties.

The Committee may also wish to consider the possibility of holding, in the course of 1993, an informal regional consultation for the African region, similar to the meeting held in June 1992 for the Latin American and Caribbean region, in Quito, Ecuador.

The Committee may further wish to examine ways to strengthen activities relating to the implementation of the Convention in the framework of the technical assistance and advisory services programme of the Centre for Human Rights, and to continue discussing programmes of technical assistance and advice being carried out by various United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies in relation to the rights of the child.

9. System of documentation and information

Under this item, the Committee may wish to continue the discussion initiated at its previous session on issues related to the system of information and documentation relevant to the work of the Committee, including the question of computerization, in the light of the suggestions and recommendations made by a working group composed of some of its members.

10. Future studies

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider whether, in accordance with rule 76 of its provisional rules of procedure and as provided in article 45, subparagraph (c), of the Convention, it should recommend to the

General Assembly that the Secretary-General undertake on its behalf a study on a specific issue relating to the rights of the child. It may also wish to consider whether studies on topics of relevance to the Committee's work should be requested from other bodies. In the foregoing connection, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a preliminary list of studies relevant to the rights of the child already carried out or envisaged by various organizations and bodies.

11. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 44 of the Convention

In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions which may be put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information from their State.

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General will notify the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the third session of the Committee at which their respective reports will be examined and will invite them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

As at 30 November 1992, the reports listed below had been received by the Secretary-General. The initial reports of the States parties which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its third session are identified by an asterisk.

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| Sweden* | (CRC/C/3/Add.1) |
| Bolivia* | (CRC/C/3/Add.2) |
| Sudan* | (CRC/C/3/Add.3) |
| Viet Nam* | (CRC/C/3/Add.4) |
| Rwanda* | (CRC/C/8/Add.1) |
| Russian Federation* | (CRC/C/3/Add.5) |
| Egypt* | (CRC/C/3/Add.6) |
| Peru | (CRC/C/3/Add.7) |
| Costa Rica | (CRC/C/3/Add.8) |
| El Salvador | (CRC/C/3/Add.9) |

The tentative timetable for the consideration of those reports at the third session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the

Chairperson of the Committee and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

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| Rwanda: initial report | (CRC/C/8/Add.1) | Tuesday 12 January 1993 |
| Bolivia: initial report | (CRC/C/3/Add.2) | Thursday 14 January 1993 |
| Sweden: initial report | (CRC/C/3/Add.1) | Monday 18 January 1993 |
| Viet Nam: initial report | (CRC/C/3/Add.4) | Tuesday 19 January 1993 p.m. and Wednesday 20 January a.m. |
| Russian Fed.: initial report | (CRC/C/3/Add.5) | Thursday 21 January 1993 |
| Egypt: initial report | (CRC/C/3/Add.6) | Monday 25 January 1993 |
| Sudan: initial report | (CRC/C/3/Add.3) | Tuesday 26 January 1993 p.m. and Wednesday 27 January a.m. |

12. Future meetings of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will be informed of the latest developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings and may wish to discuss dates for its forthcoming sessions and pre-sessional working groups.

13. Other matters

Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

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